REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 10, 2003. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-18 and 20-22 are now pending in this application. Claims 4, 11, 19 and 23-25 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-18 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,272,517 (Yue) in view of the article by Sha and U.S. Patent 6,438,573 (Nilsen).

Applicant also notes that Claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 19 and 20 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. As shown above, Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of Claim 4; Claim 8 has been amended to include the features of Claim 11 and Claim 15 has been amended to include the features of Claim 19.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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